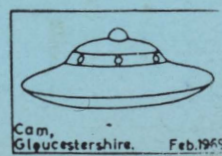
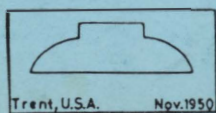
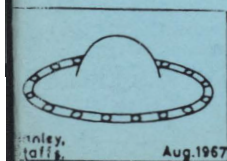


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EDITORIAL

It is difficult to be certain when writing at a given time that a UFO flap exists or not. Reports of events take time to filter through unless given the impetus of a massive headline in national daily or Sunday papers. Our many times reported concept of an eleven year cycle of UFO maxima possibly coinciding with the level of sunspot activity should be predicted for 1988-89, comparing to the last known maxima of 1977-78. Our investigating co-ordinators consider that UFO activity is indeed widespread this year -certainly from what is being reported at a local level.

In the 1977-78 flap there was the rash of sightings from an area of South West Wales starting with the experience of a whole class of school-children and claims of an alien presence at a nearby farm -all later documented in books such as "The Dyfed Enigma". During late 1977 early 1978 there were the widely reported sightings in New Zealand, particularly that of aglobular object which buzzed an aircraft on one significant occasion and some pictures were flashed to the media and made front page news in most of the British Dailies. The Object photographed did look rather like a picture of the planet Jupiter, and the scientists implied that the 'UFO' was either lights from a fishing fleet down in the straits or something to do with "magma" released from the volcanic regions over New Zealand. N-
One-the-less, stories such as these generated great interest among the general public in the early months of 1978 and the writer vividly recalls a CONTACT conference held in March 1978 at Oxford Town Hall when the chamber used was full an hour before commencement and a queue nearly a mile long formed outside with no chance of gaining admittance!

The 1988 scenario is rather more muted, but exciting cases such as the Nullarbor Plain incident in South-West Australia whereby an egg-shaped UFO attacked a family in their car actually lifting the car off the road and causing severe damage on returning it to the ground, give indications of the makings of a UFO flap situation.

In this edition we are looking for reader participation. A large number of new members have joined over the passed two years and some of you no doubt have personal experience of UFO sightings, which we would like to hear about, in confidence if necessary. You are invited to fill in the detached questionnaire - further details are on page 2. We hope to review the response to this project in due course. Please do your best to make it worthwhile.

The Data Research group are continuing to hold regular meetings at 3 locations on an alternating basis. This is proving successful and great care is being taken over the preservation of membership details and circulation of magazines. There is a slight problem in that mail sent to 48 Crown Road, Wheatley may not be collected for some time, and we apologize to any members sending correspondence or cheques to that address not receiving replies or receipts for several weeks. Just a final reminder - please use our new Headquarters address at all times. This is printed on the inside cover.

The Editor.

CONTACT INTERNATIONAL - MEMBERS UFO SURVEY

Recent changes in membership over the last two or three years obviously produce new people which, we hope, have had a personal experience of UFO sightings. If so, Data Research would like to hear from these members, in confidence, if necessary, to enable the organisation to compile some information and possibly produce a report in a future magazine. Please fill in the questionnaire and return to Contact Headquarters as soon as possible.

Even if you have not had a UFO sighting we would be interested in your beliefs on the nature of UFOs. In this respect merely fill in the section of the form entitled "Origins".

The main questionnaire is rather detailed, but we do not expect participants to be able to remember all the information from their experience especially if it was several years ago.

PART A ORIGINS

Do you consider that UFOs are:-

- (a) Extraterrestrial (i.e. from Outer Space)
- (b) Intraterrestrial (From within the Earths atmosphere or Underground)
- (c) Examples of Time Warps or 4th Dimensional (i.e. Possibly seeing craft of the future)
- (d) Natural phenomenon in all cases.
- (e) Manmade objects. All misidentifications.
- (f) Other.

PART B QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the questionnaire as fully and accurately as possible. If you cannot answer a question, write "Don't know" DO NOT GUESS. All information you may give will be used for research purposes. Your name and your personal antecedents will not be divulged publicly without your permission. Any additional details of the sighting not provided for should be included at the end, or in a covering letter. The following questions are easy to understand and do not require special technical knowledge.

- 1) When did you see the object? Date:-
- 2) What was the time of the day?
- 3) Was the time Greenwich Mean Time; Local Time; British Summer Time.
- 4) Where were you when you saw the object? Country, County, District etc., Nearest town or village, exact location etc.,
- 5) How long was the object visible to you?
- 6) What was the condition of the sky? e.g. bright daylight, dull daylight, twilight, or Darkness.
- 7) If the sighting was in daylight, where was the Sun located as you viewed the object? In front of you, behind you, to your right or left. Overhead or Don't know.

- 8) If the sighting was at night, what did you notice about the Moon and Stars? Moon - bright, dull none etc., Stars - many seen, a few seen, no stars seen - Don't know.
- 9) Was the object brighter than the sky background.
- 10) If the object was brighter than the sky, try to indicate about how bright it actually was, compared with the Sun, Full Moon, etc.,
- 11) Did the object whilst under observation; Hover, rotate, explode, emit smoke or vapour, change shape, change brightness flicker, or throb.
- 12) Did the object whilst under observation; Move in front of anything (e.g. hill, cloud etc.,) Move behind anything.
- 13) Did the object appear solid, not solid or cloud-like.
- 14) Did you observe the object through any of the following;- spectacles, sunglasses, window glass car windscreen, binoculars, telescope, theodolite etc.,
- 15) Describe the following properties of the object; Sound, colour, shape.
- 16) Draw a picture of the object.
- 17) Indicate the edges of the object;- Blurred, "fuzzy", sharply outlined, other.
- 18) If there was more than one object, how many were there.
- 19) Draw a diagram to indicate the course of the object(s), indicating any changes of direction. Put "A" at the start of the course and "B" at its termination.
- 20) How large did the object appear as compared with the following held at arms length. Head of a pin. Pea, halfpenny piece, tenpence piece, penny, cricket ball, football, Other. Also did the object appear as large as the Sun or the full moon.
- 21) What familiar object, if transported to the sky might look like the object you saw.
- 22) Where exactly were you when you saw the object. In a building in the open, in a vehicle.
- 23) If you were in a vehicle when you observed the object, please answer the following. What kind of vehicle. How fast was it moving. In what direction was it moving.
- 24) In what direction were you looking when you first saw the object and when you last saw it. North, South, East, West. -First - N,S,E,W, - Last.
- 25) Try to estimate object's angle of elevation above the horizon and its angular bearing from true North on its first and last appearance: -first from true North, elevation etc.,
- 26) Did the object pass overhead.
- 27) Try to indicate the weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Clouds:- scattered much cloud, clear sky, completely overcast.
- 28) Temperature; Cold, cool, warm, hot humid etc., Wind; Breeze, none, strong breeze, moderate wind, strong wind Weather; Dry, fog or mist, rain, snow, other.
- 29) Did you report to any official, to the press etc., that you

had seen the object.

- 30) Did any other people besides yourself see the object(s), if so please give their details.
- 31) Was this the first occasion on which you have seen such an object. If not give details of previous occasions:-
- 32) In your opinion, what was the object.
- 33) Can you estimate; The true size of the object, its distance from you, its height, its speed.
- 34) What experience have you, if any, of observing objects in the sky, such as aircraft or satellites.
- 35) Are you short-sighted or long-sighted.
- 36) Please give details of yourself. Name, address, age and occupation.
- 37) Have you any objection to your details being published in connection with this sighting.

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CLOUD UFOS

by M. Soper.

Nicholas Trudeau of 1777 Milidrum St. Union Grove Wannakee, near Racine Wisconsin saw a moon-shaped object with red and blue lights on the 27th June 1987 at 4.30 p.m. Local time. It was a brilliant red spherical object with an antenna sticking out of the base. This might seem just another UFO report except that the UFO was a sphere not a cigar shape and was just about the only thing in the sky. It then darted into a cloud which looked like a lone thunder-head strangely on a nice breezy day. The object was darkly visible inside the cloud for twenty seconds --- then the object vanished and the cloud then 'kind of folded up on itself'.

This case in conjunction with others indicates that we may have to start watching clouds as well! Most notable events involving clouds also involve vast cigar-shaped objects sometimes surrounded by electrical activity. For example at 2.10 p.m. July 1959 at Corpus Christi, Texas, USA, numerous witnesses saw four large objects at 40 degrees elevation surrounded by a white luminous substance resembling angel-hair; some of the objects had a blue glow. On 23rd March 1877 UFO's were seen being generated by a cloud-cigar in the sky -- 'fiery spheres, extremely luminous, came out of a cloud of peculiar shape and went slowly towards the north for one hour'. This was at Vence, France. From "L'annee Scientifique", 1877, p.45

Clouds may be used by UFOs for concealment but in some cases the impression is given that vast cigars generate mist in the sky by their quasi-electrical activity. For example on 27th October 1952 at Gaillac, France, a vertical cloud cigar hovered over the town

producing by some means (electrical?) copious quantities of angel-hair (are there any cases of a single disc-type UFO generating this angel-hair). The devices generating this substance are vast and dominate the sky.

Looking back at these French cases of the 50's summarised by J. Vallee, the scale of the events and the number of witnesses is staggering. Whatever one may think of CEIII's and CEIV's these "Type 11" events of the 50's are enough to prove the importance of the phenomenon.

Another 'cloud' case; On September 14 1954 at 5 p.m. local time 100's of witnesses in 6 villages, 250 miles North-west of Paris saw a thick layer of cloud like a storm brewing -- out of the top of this came a blue-violet mist of light and a shape like a cigar, tilting slightly downwards. The colour may have been caused by electrical discharges that sometimes have this colour in air. The UFO descended to half a mile above the heads of some witnesses -- then rotated into a vertical position. Another object -- a small disc -- emerged from the base and emitting a continuous vapour trail whose end evaporated away described a vertical helix about the vast object -- on reaching the top it descended describing a helix of reversed sense, then the object gambolled about the sky and returned to the base of the cloud. The cloud then tilted over and accelerated to the other clouds in the distance.

These vast objects are baffling for the following reasons;- although one third to one half of a mile in length (more than ten times the size of a jumbo jet) they manoeuvre silently and accelerate rapidly -- (seemingly by electrical propulsion) -- they can disguise themselves with a layer of cloud -- technically a difficult feat -- and they release into the sky sometimes as many as forty smaller UFOs each about 25' in diameter on average -- if each UFO is 10' in height this requires three quarters of a million cubic feet of storage space just for UFOs -- landed craft have been measured at 30 tons in weight -- suppose each UFO is only ten tons, then the cigars can carry 400 tons of cargo (compare 72 tonnes for a Jumbo) silently and apparently effortlessly. Yet these type two cases are incontrovertible. Obviously cigars do not fight gravity, they resist it.

We must therefore watch for unusually coloured clouds or clouds that move against the wind. On August 7th 1961 over Heaton Moor, Stockport, England, 20-30 flying objects of various sizes emerged from a cloud -- most went East (FSR VII No.6 1961)

The relationship between clouds and UFOs have even been filmed: at noon on 23rd August 1953 a film taken at Port Moresby, New Guinea, shows a disc emerging from a peculiar cloud and making 90 degree turns. The 90 degree turns preclude the possibility of electrical phenomena in the sky being the cause of this.

Interestingly, one day after the famous Farmington, New Mexico case a vast cigar (cloud-cigar) was spotted giving rise to 'secondary objects' (Anatomy of a Phenomenon, Vallee).

On the night of the great East Coast blackout, witnesses in many parts of Philadelphia saw a curious cloud like an up-ended coin with a handle in the sky, which must have been gigantic since it was seen from many different parts of the city by witnesses including Walter Voelkar, research Engineer, and his wife who saw

it from three different locations as it crossed the entire sky. But it was not reported as a UFO (Flying Saucer Reader Jay David, p. 174).

Electroluminescence of the upper air seems closely related to the activity of the cigars at high altitude -- it is often reported-- sometimes a glowing tail is left behind -- which remains for some minutes.

There is a traditional relationship between unusual clouds in the sky and vast powers -- for example, Exodus Chapter 14 Verse 21:- the Israelites were aided by "a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud during the day". And Chapter 19: "Lo, I came to thee in a thick cloud.."

At 8 p.m. on the 22nd September 1954 Mr. Rabot, a butcher in Ponthiery, France, was driving along route N7 when he spied a red circular object with luminous smoke escaping from it, moving around at great height very majestically. Electrified, he and a local official saw the object disappear fast among the woolpack of clouds. This was also seen by Mrs. Gramundi of Paris.

The ability of the cigars to create cloud around themselves is remarkable, even more remarkable is the production of angel-hair but both may be a bi-product of the mode of propulsion. This is supported by the sighting of Yves Prigent and hundreds of others at Aloron, France. On 17th October 1952 they saw a fleecy cloud of curious shape floating along; above it a long narrow cylinder at an angle of 45 degrees was heading southwest two to three kms up. The object was whitish and not luminous and there was a wreath of white smoke from the upper end. 30 puffs of smoke preceded it travelling in pairs and executing short swift zig-zags. Angel hair was left on houses and trees as on other occasions.

Thus it seems that our monitoring of the sky should include interest in clouds as well as craft -- because some of the clouds may be craft! The Trudeau case reinforces the 50's connection.

YETI SEARCH 1988

by G.E. Ambler

The ~~three~~ greatest unsolved mysteries of the present time are arguably:

- (a) the existence of UFOs
- (b) the existence of the Loch Ness Monster
- (c) the existence of the Abominable Snowman or Yeti.

It is the aim of this organisation to seek out the facts about UFOs by objective means, and after 25 years of research, we are probably no closer to solving the enigma than when we started out. From time to time, a rush of sightings are reported all together, which could not possibly be a giant hoax by many sensible witnesses acting independently. Our investigators have often been within minutes of reported UFOs, but rarely reports of definite UFOs on Skywatches have been confirmed.

The same is true for the Loch Ness Monster and the Yeti. The most exciting sightings have come from witnesses stumbling across the monster's neck protruding from the murky water of Loch Ness and being fortunate enough to have a camera to hand; or mountaineers on climbing expeditions to the Himalayas have seen the notorious "Yeti Footprints" and some have claimed to have seen the creature itself at some distance. Organised echo soundings of Loch Ness by International teams investing millions of pounds of the most sophisticated equipment have proved - something is down there - which may or may not be a giant living creature. Once again the evidence is inconclusive.

What prospects then for the 1988 search for the Yeti - a team assembled by Britain's greatest living mountaineer Chris Bonington with the cream of scientific observers, naturalists, climbers and reporters?. One supposed if this team could not find the Yeti then who could?

The British team searched the area of the Menlung Glacier, Tibet during April and May 1988 at an elevation of around 19000 feet. It was in this area of the Himalayas that the Eric Shipton expedition of 1951 first saw the inexplicable footprints and brought back photographs of them. There were four exciting discoveries made during the time of the Bonington expedition all of which add to the strong circumstantial evidence of the Yeti, but in no way is conclusive proof of existence:-

- (a) Paul Davidson, a BBC TV Natural History producer was followed by a large black animal standing on two feet. He was aware of an uncanny feeling of being followed rather than see his pursuer clearly.
- (b) The expedition's scientific officer, Dr. Charles Clarke noticed some fresh droppings from what might be a large carnivore, on a trip along the Menlung Glacier. Nearby he found two freshly killed sheep carcasses. These were identified as common Himalayan mountain sheep or bharal, but the significant point was that only the skins remained of these animals - there was no sign of flesh, bones or trotters. The method of destroying the bharal was completely different from any known predator who would normally leave messy remnants of skin or bone. It appeared that an exceptional degree of "filleting" skill had been used. The sheep skin and droppings have been returned to Britain for scientific analysis (and promptly impounded by the Ministry of Agriculture!)
- (c) Two climbers, Andy Fanshawe and Alan Hinkes made a separate expedition to attempt a climb on the unconquered peak of Menlungste. They left a set of ski-sticks at their advanced base camp and buried these under heavy boulders so they would not blow away in the gale-force winds prevailing. They intended to use the ski sticks for making a rapid return to the base camp. After five days, and a successful climb, they returned to find the sticks had completely disappeared! The spot where the sticks were buried was on a narrow ledge 19000 feet up the mountain requiring the utmost skill to reach. The chances of the equipment being stolen by another expedition or native Tibetans were virtually zero in



Dr Charles Clarke examines the sheep's remains

such an inhospitable place. Who or what could possibly be wandering about in this inaccessible spot? The climbers saw no animals or footprints.

- (d) Jess Stock, the base camp manager, and an expert skier found tracks of two animals on the summit ridge forming the Tibet/Nepal border at 18,000 feet. The animals had been moving in running bounds across the snow and the size of the prints were slightly less than his own size 10 boots. Why these beasts had been bounding in the icy wastes of this mountain ridge where nothing lives, is beyond speculation.

At the time of writing, the above happenings were the main reported events on the expedition and an update will follow this account should any discoveries be made by the scientific teams analysing the tangible evidence such as the sheep skin and droppings found.

Once again the best equipped expedition has been unable to make a

face to face contact with the Yeti or even get a close up photograph; yet what has been found is quite tantalysing. The common feature of expeditions to seek out UFOs, Loch Ness Monster or the Yeti is that the deliberate intent to seek out is unsuccessful. The chance discovery is the most likely to get closest. In other words, if the witness is not thinking about seeing a UFO or whatever, he/she is more likely to see one. It is proposed that the "target" is capable of intercepting the thoughts of human minds AND CAN FORM A VEIL OF INVISIBILITY AROUND ITSELF TO AVOID BEING SEEN. Clearly we can readily accept the dematerialisation of a UFO, but could the same be true for a Yeti? What secrets could a two-legged creature living at the roof of the world possess? The circumstantial evidence of the 1988 Yeti expedition does indicate that the searchers were being closely watched and monitored. Again the most interesting discoveries appeared to members of the expedition not intensively hunting the Yeti at the time.

Ref: Mail on Sunday Reports May-June 1988 by Iain Walker.

(An Italian mountaineer, Reinhold Messner, is now on a one man expedition to Tibet seeking the Yeti; He claims to have stumbled across (the operative words) the creature on a trip to Nepal last year).

UFOS HISTORICAL FACTS

by D.N. Mansell.

It is generally understood that UFO's originated in 1947, but in fact it was just the term flying saucer- and it came about when Kenneth Arnold, flying a light aircraft on 24th June 1947, sighted some unusual objects. He was searching for a crashed C46 aircraft in the Cascade Mountains, when a flash caught his eye. Suddenly it happened again and this time Arnold saw a formation of nine gleaming objects coming from the direction of Mount Baker. He happened to be in a good position to judge their speeds and was amazed to see they were doing about 1,200 mph. When he reported the sighting to the press, they headlined them as Flying Saucers and the name has been here ever since, much to the dismay of serious researchers. However, strange craft and even entities have been recorded as early as 1504-1450 B.C. In the reign of Pharaoh THUTMOSE III, there was a circle of fire that was coming in the sky, it had no head, the breath of its mouth, had a foul odour. The body was one rod long and one rod wide, it had no voice, thus it was reported by the people to the Pharaoh. After some days had passed, more objects were reported, even formations and at one time fishes and volatiles fell down from the sky. It is said that Chen Jen the perfect man was born on the wings of the wind. The Hindu Vedas, the bible, Aborigines, American Indian tribes and many others, all speak of visitors from space.

Following is a list of historical sightings:-

295 BC	FREGELLAE, ITALY. ONE STRANGE AERIAL OBJECT
222 BC	RIMINI, ADRIATIC COAST ITALY. 3 MOON-LIKE OBJECTS
220 BC	AREMINIUM (RIMINI) ITALY. ONE BRILLIANT LIGHT

217 BC FALERII, VETERES, ITALY. SEVERAL FIERY SHIELDS

166 BC GERMANY. ONE UNUSUAL SUNLIKE OBJECT

163 BC FRANCE. THREE SUNS

106 BC ROME ITALY. ONE BIRD-LIKE OBJECT, SET FIRE TO HOUSES.

58 BC ROME, ITALY. SEVERAL LIGHTS IN SKY. FLESH FELL FROM THE SKY.

16 AD OLD ITALY. SEVERAL FIERY BEAMS.

80 AD CALEDONIA, SCOTLAND. ONE FAST AERIAL SHIP. AIR SEEMED TO BURN.

91 AD FROM SCOTLAND TO HUMBERSIDE. ONE AERIAL SHIP.

249 SEVERAL PARTS OF BRITAIN. OBJECT LIKE A RED SWORD

268 IRELAND, ONE OR SEVERAL SHIPS IN THE SKY.

353 SYRIA, ONE COLUMN OF LIGHT.

393 ITALY. ONE LARGE GLOBE, SURROUNDED BY MANY SMALL ONES.

398 TURKEY, ONE GLOBE, PUT OUT A LARGE RAY.

457 FRANCE. ONE BLAZING GLOBE OF IMMENSE SIZE. TWO LIGHT BEAMS EMITTED, THE ENDS OF WHICH TERMINATED LIKE RAYS.

November 575 FRANCE. SEVERAL MOVING STARS, APPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOON.

625 ARABIA. ONE ARMLESS FLYING CHILD WITH SCALES THAT FLAMED.

637 JAPAN. ONE FLYING STAR, WHICH EMITTED A NOISE.

734 ? ONE RED MOON, CHANGED TO JET BLACK

June 741 TURKEY. THREE FIERY COLUMNS

September 741 TURKEY. THREE FIERY COLUMNS

? 741 TURKEY. ONE HALF MOON SHAPED OBJECT

747 IRELAND. SEVERAL SHIPS IN THE SKY, OCCUPANTS SEEN IN THE SHIPS.

January 1001 FRANCE. ONE AERIAL BURNING TORCH, EMITTED A SERPENT LIKE OBJECT.

1161 IRELAND. SEVERAL AERIAL SHIPS

1161 FRANCE. ONE CROSS LIKE OBJECT APPEARED ON THE MOON

1171 JAPAN. ONE LARGE RED WHEEL

1172 ENGLAND. TWO HUGE STARS JOINED TOGETHER

1173 IRELAND. ONE HUGE STAR. ILLUMINATED ALL THE COUNTRYSIDE.

November 1322 ENGLAND. ONE PILLAR OF FIRE, MOVED SLOWLY, EMITTED GREAT BEAMS OF LIGHT.

December 1352 GERMANY. ONE FIERY OBJECT, EMITTED LONG BEAM OF LIGHT.

1367 JAPAN. ONE DRUM SHAPED OBJECT, EQUIVALENT OF 200 FEET LONG.

October 1387 ENGLAND. ONE SMALL STRANGE CLOUD, RAINED BLOOD

October 1422 JAPAN. TWO SUNS IN LINE.

June 1459 JAPAN. TWO MOONS IN LINE.

January 1460 JAPAN. THREE MOONS IN LINE.

February 1460 FRANCE. ONE WHIRLWIND OF FIRE, EMERGED FROM SEA, DEMOLISHED CHURCH.

1514 GERMANY. THREE SUNS.

1515 BELGIUM. ONE BELL SHAPED OBJECT

1520 GERMANY. ONE BURNING BEAM, WHICH CAUSED DAMAGE, AFTER THIS, ROSE INTO SKY AND BECAME ROUND IN SHAPE.

1528 HOLLAND. ONE YELLOW FLYING CROSS

1532 ITALY. THREE SUNS

1535 GERMANY. THREE FIERY BEAMS.

1606 FRANCE. ONE BALL LIKE OBJECT, WITH LIGHT.

March 1609 JAPAN. ONE MOON LIKE OBJECT INSIDE A SQUARE.

1609 SWITZERLAND. ONE VERY LONG FIERY OBJECT.

November 1623 GERMANY & AUSTRIA. SEVERAL STRANGE BODIES, ONE A BURNING GLOBE, MADE STRANGE NOISES.

May 1702 FRANCE. ONE COLUMN OF LIGHT, WITH BLACK BANDS AND SPLIT EDGES.

November 1704 SWITZERLAND. FAST MOVING CLOUD (LUMINOUS)

October 1726 BELGIUM. SEVERAL FIERY CLOUDS AND LUMINOUS RINGS.

May 1760 MASSACHUSETTS USA. ONE BLAZING SPHERE.

November 1761 ENGLAND. ONE BALL OF FIRE, MOVING AGAINST WIND.

1762 ENGLAND. ONE AERIAL BLAZING ARCH

October	1863	SPAIN.	ONE DUMB BELL SHAPED OBJECT
December	1863	ENGLAND.	ONE HUGE SHAPED OBJECT
March	1864	ENGLAND.	ONE VAST UNKNOWN OBJECT
October	1864	FRANCE.	ONE LUMINOUS CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT
June	1866	HUNGARY.	ONE VAST SKY BLAST. HUNDRED OF STONES FELL FROM SKY.
November	1866	COLUMBIA.	ONE LUMINOUS RED OBJECT.
January	1867	U.S.A.	TWO SKY QUAKES, WITH FALLS OF ASHES AND SMOKE.
October	1867	ITALY.	SEVERAL DAZZLING RED BALLS.
July	1868	CHILE.	ONE COLOSSAL SILVER BIRD, MADE OF A METALLIC MATERIAL AND ENGINE-LIKE NOISE.
January 3rd	1869	ENGLAND.	SIX OR SEVEN SKY BLASTS
9th	"	ENGLAND.	ONE SKY BLAST
9th	"	ENGLAND.	ONE SKY BLAST (Different part of Country)
10th	"	ENGLAND.	ONE LUMINOUS OBJECT
11th	"	ENGLAND.	THREE SKY BLASTS
13th	"	ENGLAND.	ONE SKY BLAST
13th	"	ENGLAND.	ONE UNKNOWN AERIAL OBJECT
15th	"	ENGLAND.	ONE UNKNOWN AERIAL OBJECT

As you can see from the table objects have been reported from all parts of the world, most are very similar to present day sightings. There have been many landings over the years and especially in the 15th and 16th century's, when witches were being burnt. On several occasions aliens were put on trial and whenever they stated they were visitors from space here to help, all were burnt as witches.

UFO KITES

by G.E. Ambler.

There now exists versions of a highly efficient spinning kite consisting of 2 sails of highly reflective foil material set in horizontal and vertical planes to each other and freely spinning about a common axis. When flying, the kite produces amazing

effects particularly in brilliant sunlight.

The writer first observed one of these remarkable kites flying over the Thames, in central London about 2 years ago, on a Saturday afternoon at 4.00 p.m. On looking north to south across the Thames there appeared to be a brilliant illuminated object hovering over the Festival Hall. Weather conditions at the time were bright sunlight and perfect visibility. The object appeared to be at an elevation of 500 feet but at times looked much higher and then lower. Convinced this was a UFO, the object was watched for about half an hour from the Victoria Embankment. It gradually got lower and headed eastwards towards Waterloo bridge. Suddenly it became apparent that the object was merely a kite and was being projected by a person standing on the span of Waterloo Bridge. A quick rush to the bridge confirmed that this was the case. During the period of observation, at no time did it occur to the writer that this object was in any way a kite, as no visible means of attachment could be seen, and the brightness and flickering effects observed seemed extremely eerie.

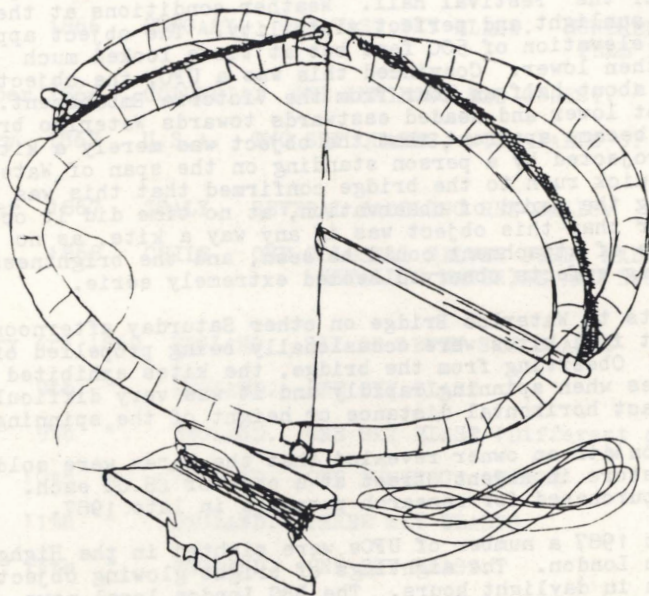
Further visits to Waterloo Bridge on other Saturday afternoons revealed that foil kites were occasionally being propelled off the parapet. Observing from the bridge, the kites exhibited strange haloes when spinning rapidly and it was very difficult to judge the exact horizontal distance or height of the spinning kite.

A conversation with an owner revealed that the kites were sold at Hamleys toy store in Regent Street at a cost of £8.00 each. An example was purchased for research purposes in late 1987.

During August 1987 a number of UFOs were sighted in the Highgate area of North London. The sightings of bright glowing objects were all seen in daylight hours. The BBC London local news featured some of these reports on their bulletin and it was interesting to note that in response to the television programme, one viewer claimed to have been flying a spinning foil kite on nearby Hampstead Heath. The kite in question had been carried up in a "thermal" to a height reckoned to be 2000 feet, so the UFO'S may well have been a very high flying kite visible from several miles away at this altitude. The efficiency of the spinning kite is such that a very high flying altitude can be achieved although it is illegal to fly a kite at more than 200 feet for obvious reasons.

CONSTRUCTION: The foil kite purchased for research purposes consisted of two elliptical shaped flaps or sails made from a form of aluminium foil laminate reinforced with wires around the perimeter of each flap. The kite was suspended from either end of one flap by a plastic rod mounted along the central axis of the flap. The second flap was attached by taping the foil along the central point of the shorter axis of the first flap so that the two flaps were in separate planes at 90° to each other. The second flap was in fact made from two separate matching halves to facilitate this. The overall dimensions of each ellipse were 435mm x 300mm. An ingenious rubber clip mounted either side of the common point of contact for each flap facilitated the spinning action of the kite.

The principal features of the construction are shown in the diagram below:-



Two test flights of the kite (UFO "Sam") were carried out. Unfortunately the construction proved insufficiently robust in the conditions, although the spinning action was exceptionally good. In the first test the supporting cord broke with the kite suspended 200 feet in a force 6-7 wind. In the second test with nylon fishing line used as cord, the kite flew intermittently over a beach in Cornwall, but part of the wire support and taping used on one flap collapsed which made the kite unserviceable. This was due to heavy impacts on the shingle of the beach. Best results would probably be obtained by flying the kite in force 3-5 winds over soft grassy fields or parks with few trees.

A series of photographs were taken of the UFO kite in flight from the beach at Seaton Cornwall. Conditions were extremely unsettled with bright sunlight interspersed with white clouds and black clouds. The remarkable result of these photographs was that each shot appeared completely different to the others, although they were all taken within 20 minutes of each other. A sketch of the UFO kite's appearance, colour and background details are set out below.

A. ELLIPTICAL, DARK CENTRE, GREY-BLACK

BACKGROUND, WHITE CLOUD



B. IRREGULAR WHITE, DARK CENTRE

BACKGROUND, GREY CLOUD



C. 4 SIDE STAR, (BLUE FINS) WHITE CENTRE

BACKGROUND, WHITE CLOUD
- BLUE SKY



D. INVERTED, SHINY GOLD DISC + ANTENNAE

BACKGROUND, BLUE SKY



Conclusions: The evidence we have gathered by observing the action of these kites generally worsens the chances of accurately describing the nature and construction of real UFOs. The kites are observed to flicker and throb and produce humming and whistling sounds when spinning at full power. These properties have all been described in authentic UFO reports. There is a strong indication that the propulsion of a UFO is based on a spinning motion-possibly a rotating outer shell surrounding an immobile inner flight compartment - the whole producing a gyroscopic effect and defying gravity. This kite construction may be a simple form of the basic pattern of flight used by UFOs.

The highly reflective surface of the construction completely deceives the human eye when spinning at even low rotation. Estimation of height seems to be very difficult to judge. Shape and colour can be entirely dependent on the effect of reflective sunlight on the surface of the kites. At high spin rotation a large halo seems to build up around the structure thus enhancing its size effect. Static photographs show virtually any shape or colour in the recorded files of UFO reports.

This appears bad news for the UFO researcher trying to decipher data consisting of hundreds of shapes and colours. On the other hand, many of the recorded effects of UFOs are to some extent replicated by the flying kite, so if the actual UFO consists of a

highly reflective spinning outer surface or shell, the vast difference in reported shapes, colours and light effects may be explained away in the inability of the human observer to accurately interpret sightings due to limitations of eye-sight.

Reference:- UFO Kite - retail price £7. 99 from Hamleys, Regent Str., London W1. Manufacturer, UFO SAM Ltd., Unconventional Flying Objects, 48 Curzon Street, London W1Y 7RE England.

UFO SIGHTINGS 1988

by Data Research Members.

Recent Unidentified Flying Objects Reported in the Oxford Area.

On Whit Monday Mr. & Mrs. K. Walker of Brae Hill Close, Brill, together with their neighbour Eric Crawford had a remarkable sighting. They saw after sunset a very bright light over Kidlington which is due West from Brill at about 25 - 30 degrees elevation. This light stayed in the same position for three quarters of an hour at least and then it started to blink on and off in a regular way four times before dying completely. It seemed to go reddish on turning off, and all witnesses agreed that it was their side of the light cloud. They did not feel frightened but intrigued. The light was large and an apparent size of 50p at arms length was given. On checking it was found that no bright astronomical objects were in that part of the sky at that time. No details of the light source could be seen, and it made no noise. Although the light was seen over Oxford Airport, the long length of time for which the object remained fixed vitiates this hypothesis. All witnesses were most impressed by the sighting.

When dealing with sightings it can be most important to get a clear account of the first sighting because witnesses often seem to wish to support the solid evidence of the first sighting with subsequent accounts which are far less convincing because the 'set' of the witnesses has changed.

On the 19th of May two witnesses at Thame saw a spinning object with red and blue lights on it in the west which quickly departed over Kidlington. The Object was silent in the dark evening sky and was near Scotsgrove Hill and very huge. These witnesses have been on holiday and have not yet been interviewed.

One interesting 'explained' happened to a witness resident in Church Cowley Road early in the year. This honest account of a bright white light with a red halo which played peek-a-boo with the witness whilst he drove from Blewbury to Faringdon on the A417 has an interesting explanation: The witness had had one pint of beer -- just sufficient to disable his ability to decide the fixity of external lights without references at night from a moving frame, but not enough to impair driving. The object was Venus seen under very unusual conditions.

On a clear February night 1988 Mr. & Mrs. S. were travelling home along the A34 Southern By pass near Botley, Oxford around 8 p.m.

Mrs. S. was attracted by a large bright light over the city of Oxford as she gazed about through the car window. She indicated to her husband to look, who replied to the effect that he was concentrating on his driving and should not be troubled. She then lost view of the light as it became obscured by passing trees.

They pulled off the A34 into Risinghurst (three miles east of Oxford) their destination when he also spotted it. For some unknown reason he pulled up the car, turned off his headlights and wound down his window. On looking up he could clearly see an oval shaped object extraordinary large with four rows of light quite distinctive across its shape. The object appeared to be just hanging in the sky, it seemed quite low and had no accompanying noise. He became slightly nervous and started up the car again continuing their journey home.

As they continued to watch the object for at least 10 minutes the four rows of lights began to turn off all in line with one another working from the outer points of the oval each end and continuing until they met. As soon as the last lights went out it had vanished. They were amazed. Their description of it was as if it had suddenly disappeared into thin air.

The next day a discussion took place between Mrs. S. and an acquaintance who lived the opposite end of the Estate; she said that she had also seen a very bright light which appeared exceptionally large. They compared times which coincided and she also went downstairs to bring it to her husbands attention but when they both looked out it had gone.

Mr & Mrs. S. are known personally to this Researcher and Mr. S was quite emphatic that it could not have possibly been anything terrestrial because of the incredible size and the way it seemed to hang in the sky. He was unable to compare it with anything man-made.

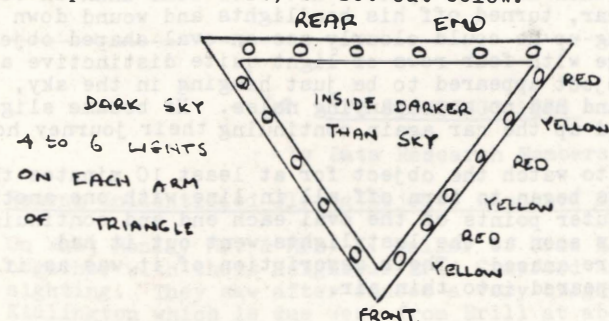
NORTH CORNWALL REPORT

A large flying craft awoke residents at Indian Queens, North Cornwall, at 0100 on 2nd June 1988. The principal witness Mr. John Cocker managed to discern a distinctive triangular shape flying low and making enough noise to shake the houses. He considered the object to be a large jet type aircraft flying extremely fast, below radar, on top secret tactics or "something out of this world".

The witness retired at 12.30 a.m. on the 2nd June. His wife was already asleep by this time. He was almost dropping off himself when he was woken up by what appeared to be a very low flying jet - not unlike the sound of a Lightning Jet from the local St. Mawgan RAF station - flying at 600 mph at 100 feet altitude, but probably much larger than a typical fighter jet. The witness felt the craft was approaching his house and imagined something like a Jumbo Jet, but much faster, was about to crash land on his roof. He instinctively pressed himself and his wife into the mattress of the bed. Both were very frightened by the noise and the house shook as the craft passed over with a loud "wooshing jet" noise.

When he realised that the house had not been hit, the witness

pulled back the curtains and saw the craft disappearing over the houses opposite. He was able to discern a triangular shaped object with alternate red and yellow still lights (no flashing) pointing towards the ground at about 30° from the ground. It was heading from west to east at level flight more or less parallel to the main A30 trunk road. The central part of the triangle was very dark - all the lights being along the edges of the triangle. The shape as described, is set out below.



The witness considered the noise to have ceased before he lost sight of the object beyond his neighbours house opposite. The whole experience lasted 5 - 8 seconds. He thought the object was going to crash on the nearby moor and made a 999 call to the police who checked with the RAF St. Mawgan and West Drayton.

Mr. Cocker was the only witness who actually saw the craft, but several other people in the village heard what they thought to be a very low flying jet aircraft and houses shook for about a 1 mile radius.

CONTACT investigators enquired about the sighting at three RAF stations - two local stations in Cornwall and Brize Norton, the nearest station with large aircraft. The replies from these bases are set out below:-

St. Mawgan

Thank you for your letter of the 15th June on the above subject. There were no aircraft operating under the control of RAF St. Mawgan at the time, and the airfield was closed for landings or take offs.

I have forwarded the details of your report to the Ministry of Defence, who will carry out any future action they think necessary, although they do not have the resources to investigate unusual sightings of this nature.

Yours sincerely,

Culdrose

Thank you for your enquiry of 15th June 1988 seeking the identity of an aircraft overflying Indian Queens at 0100 on 2nd June 1988. Unfortunately we are unable to help you as we were not flying on

either the 1st or 2nd June and the Control Tower was therefore unmanned.

Yours faithfully,

Brize Norton

Thank you for your letter dated 18th July 1988 asking for information about a large illuminated flying craft seen at Indian Queens North Cornwall on 2 June 1988.

We did not have an aircraft in the vicinity at the time so I have forwarded your letter to the Unidentified Flying Objects department at the Ministry of Defence and they should contact you shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Unfortunately the RAF stations produced negative responses - which is the usual situation with possible UFO sightings.

GIANT OBJECT OVER MIDLANDS

Several independent witnesses reported a giant illuminated object passing over the West Midlands area on the night of cFeb 18th 1988. These included patrolling police officers in Willenhall and Walsall and their sighting was briefly reported in the Sun and Daily Mirror Nationals the following day. Mrs. Brannan of Redditch, her two children and two other girls all saw what they described as a "city in the sky".

Mrs. Brannan describes the object as follows: "My brain was telling me it must be a plane, but as I looked, I realised it couldn't be. It was the most fantastic thing I have ever seen, and I still can't get over it. It was like a floating city in the sky and the most vivid memory I have is of the tiny windows on it, which made it look like a block of flats."

Sargeant Stuart Griffiths and Police Constable Michael Powell of Willenhall Police saw a low flashing object in the sky over a three minute period. Sgt. Griffiths described it as "A very large bright block of light, like an oblong block. There were red and green lights on the perimeter, which gave the impression that it was spinning".

A motorist on the A34 near Woodstock, Oxon may have seen the same object from the description given.

TELESCOPIC UFO?

A young lady astronomer Zena Sfeir aged 16, from the Kensington area of London claimed to have picked out a giant stationary UFO when viewing the night sky through her telescope, on January 5th 1988. The excited witness summoned the police and several officers were also able to confirm an inexplicable object when they turn

viewed through the telescope.

Miss Sfeir described the object as a flat saucer-shape, grey-green with pink blobs, looking like a "swimming jellyfish". When it spun round it changed to electric blue.

The young lady witness appeared on a television news bulletin and came over as well educated and lucid. However, astronomical experts declared the sighting was merely that of Jupiter - very prominent at the time.

An interested viewer Mrs. Leach of Witney, managed to get in touch with the police station who supplied the investigating team of officers. She, in turn, received a reply from Inspector R.J. Stephens and passed this to Contact International for further comment.

Inspector Stephens wrote:-

"Thank you for your letter enquiring about our 'UFO'.

I was one of the officers who witnessed it and I must admit I have not seen anything like it before. Patrick Moore said it was Jupiter so who am I to argue with such an expert.

There is probably a logical explanation for it but we would be pleased to assist your daughter's scientist if it all possible" (refers to Contact International)

(Ed:- Astronomical viewing of Jupiter with an average small telescope or even binoculars would show the bright body of Jupiter and most or all of its 4 largest moons visible as tiny points of light in the close vicinity. We can not conceive how an amateur astronomer could confuse this formation for a UFO- even an absolute novice. The only other possibility is that the heavy atmosphere and distorting effects of street lighting in the London area led to some sort of optical illusions. Unfortunately we have no diagram of what was claimed to have been seen through the telescope, to hand).

Controlled Photographs of UFO - Florida USA

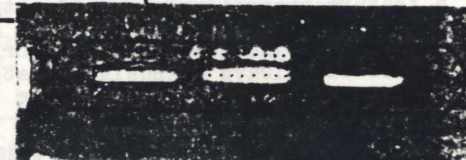
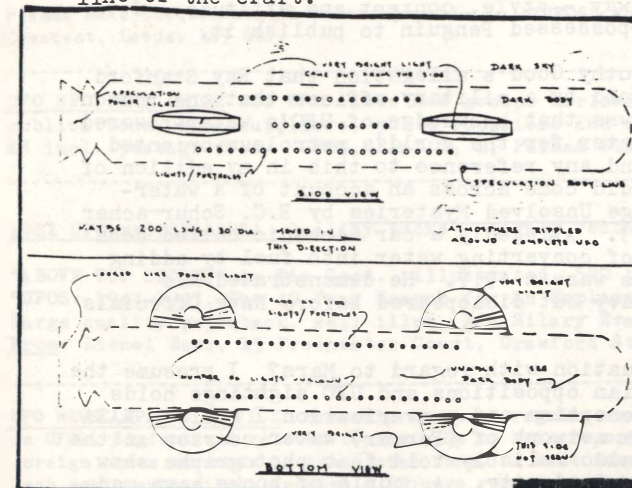
A higher than average number of UFOs were reported from Gulf Breeze, Florida, USA during February 1988. On February 26th the Sentinel of Gulf Breeze reported that at Shoreline Park, South, ten photographs were taken of a UFO. The photographer used a special MUFON four-lens 35mm camera, specially designed to photograph in 3 dimensions. The camera was sealed and "control" shots were taken as a guarantee against tampering. The sealed camera was then opened in front of news media reporters at a later press conference.

A drawing was made by the photographer before developing the film to show what he remembered of the sighting. He described it:-

"As very dark and the lights are what showed clearly. There was also a strange disruption to the atmosphere, that surrounded the UFO - a kind of rippling effect that danced

round the complete craft. It was Big - real big! "

The pre-development sketch is shown below on the left hand side with an actual developed photograph on the right hand side. Pen outlines on top of the print denote what was regarded as the outline of the craft.



About 30 photographers, writers, MUFON members and Ufologists gathered at the Coast Photo Shop, Barrancas Avenue to watch the complete process of development of the film. They were addressed by MUFON international director Walt Andrus who commented:-

"This is the first time in recorded history that we've had the opportunity to work so closely with a witness as sightings are still being made. It was a one in a million chance that we could get something on film, but here we are" "We don't know if anything will show up on this film. There are so many things that could go wrong".

With the camera sealed with wax the spectators were able to witness the entire process of removal of the Kodak film, then the developing and printing. As the pictures came through final processing reporters were able to see small lights on the dark prints. Enlargements were made in order to bring out as much detail as possible.

(Ed:- presumably the white spots are the only recorded feature on the photograph. They do indicate a rough agreement with what the witness thought to be the shape of the UFO. The whole looks rather like a rocket of the Cape Canaveral type - unfortunate that the location is in Florida).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Of recent books, Timothy Good's Above Top Secret struck me as an outstanding piece of nuts and bolts research. Streiber's Communion was a good read, but Kinder's Light Years just out in Penguin, seems abysmal in every way - style, content and attitude. I cannot understand what possessed Penguin to publish it.

I was interested in Timothy Good's allegation that Ray Stanford (Soccorro Saucer) was told by a military officer that one reason for secrecy about UFOs was that knowledge of UFO's water-powered engine would spell disaster for the world's petroleum-oriented economies. I do not find any reference to this in my edition of Stanford's book, but I did come across an account of a water-powered engine in Strange Unsolved Mysteries by E.C. Schur-acher (Paperback Library 1967). Allegedly a car mechanic called John Andrews found a method of converting water into fuel by adding certain chemicals. This was in 1917. He demonstrated his invention to the U.S. Navy but disappeared before Navy Officials could follow it up.

What is the current situation with regard to Mars? I presume the connection between Martian oppositions and UFO sightings holds good. After years of deception and prevarication I believe NASA concedes that there is a network of (Former) water courses on the Martian surface. I am also reliably told that photographs show a feature resembling a ruined city. A couple of books have made a good case for the existence of a UFO base on the Moon: has any comparable case been made out for an alien presence on Mars? Keyhoe was always enthusiastic about a possible Martian origin for UFOs, but Mars seems to have fallen out of the discussions recently.

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN BURDEN, BRAINTREE

I enjoy the approach to UFOs and the ecological system on this planet. Breath magazine are now pursuing the same methods.

I have a local group here who discuss UFOs and the physical immortality approach and many groups are spreading all over the country as a result of Leonard Orr and the Eternal Flame. The latter will be on LBC Radio Nightline near the end of May. There may be some cranks among them, but mostly they are sensible people who have a live rather than a deathist approach to everything. It doesn't necessarily mean keeping the body indefinitely, but to extend life and make it healthy and productive with the right concerns for other species on this planet. This would also mean reducing birth and the population growth.

Yours sincerely,

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